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FOLLOWING IS CHRONOLOGY OF EMBASSY ACTIONS IN FRONCZAK CASE.

MAY 17 - EMBASSY NOTIFIED BY DEPARTMENT OF SEMMELROTH MURDER AND IN COURSE OF OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT IT FROM SOURCES IN ACAPULCO, LEARNER OF MRS. FRONCZAK'S DISAPPEARANCE. EMBASSY RENDERED ASSISTANCE OVER NEXT SEVERAL DAYS IN ARRANGING FOR RETURN OF SEMMELROTH'S REMAINS TO US. FROM THIS DATE TO ABOUT JUNE 22 EMBASSY IN DAILY CONTACT BY TELEPHONE WITH SOURCES IN ACAPULCO AND CHILPANCINGO INCLUDING CHIEF OF POLICE, AGENTE DEL MINISTERIO PUBLICO, GUERRERO STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND PRIVATE CONTACTS. SINCE JUNE 22 EMBASSY HAS CONTINUED TELEPHONE INQUIRIES TWO OR THREE TIMES WEEKLY.

MAY 19 - EMBASSY LEARNER THAT MR. FRONCZAK WAS IN ACAPULCO, TELEPHONED TO OFFER ASSISTANCE.

MAY 20-22 - VICE CONSUL JACK MILLIN IN ACAPULCO, CONTACTED POLICE, AGENTE DEL MINISTERIO
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PUBLICO, MISSED SEEING MR. FRONCZAK BECAUSE

LATTER HAD INSTRUCTED HOTEL DESK TO DENY
HE WAS REGISTERED.

MAY 24-24 - CONSUL WARD MORROW IN ACAPULCO, SAW MR.
FRONCZAK FOR 2 1/2 HOURS, ASSISTED WITH
MEETING WITH TV AND PRESS, INTRODUCED
HIM TO CHIEF OF POLICE.

MAY 27 - MINISTER COUNSELOR THOMPSON USED CALL ON
UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS JOSE
GALLASTEGUI TO EXPRESS CONCERN. WRITTEN
FOLLOW-UP SENT NEXT DAY.

MAY 28 - AMBASSADOR SENT CABLE TO GOVERNOR OF STATE
OF GUERRERO, WITH COPIES UNDER COVER OF
PERSONAL LETTERS TO FEDERAL ATTORNEY
GENERAL AND SECRETARY OF GOBERNACION (INTERIOR).

MAY 28 - JUNE 1 - CONSUL MORROW AGAIN IN ACAPULCO TO
ASSIST MR. FRONCZAK, DISCUSS CASE WITH
POLICE CHIEF AND DEAL WITH OTHER MATTERS.

JUNE 1 AND 4 - MR. FRONCZAK, ON ONE VISIT ACCOMPANIED BY
MR. MCGOWAN, VISITED EMBASSY, SPOKE WITH CCS CHIEF.

JUNE 7 - MR. FRONCZAK AND MR. MCGOWAN HAD LENGTHY
INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS STATUS
OF CASE AND OTHER STEPS EMBASSY MIGHT
TAKE. AMBASSADOR CALLED AMERICAN AIRLINES
MANAGER AND OFFICES OF SECRETARY OF TOURISM
AND ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL TO EXPRESS INTEREST.

JUNE 8 AND 9 - MR. FRONCZAK AND MR. MCGOWAN MET WITH CHIEF OF
CONSULAR SECTION.

JUNE 9 - MINISTER COUNSELOR THOMPSON DESCRIBED CASE AND
EXPRESSED CONCERN TO CHIEF OF DIRECCION FEDERAL DE SEGURIDAD.

JUNE 9 - 11 - CCS CHIEF VISITED ACAPULCO AND CHILPANCINGO,
CALLED ON CHIEF OF STATE POLICE. CALLED ON
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GUERRERO STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL AT CHILPANCINGO,
DELIVERED LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO GOVERNOR.

JUNE 14 - 19 - EMBASSY IN ALMOST DAILY TELEPHONE CONTACT
WITH FRONCZAK, MCGOWAN OR SCHWARTZ, (FRONCZAK ATTORNEY)
RELAYING INFORMATION AND ASSISTING IN ARRANGING
FRONCZAK'S RETURN TO MEXICO TO GIVE EVIDENCE.

JUNE 22 - CONSUL MORROW AGAIN DISPATCHED TO ACAPULCO TO ASSIST MR. FRONCZAK. FRONCZAK WAS OUT WHEN MORROW CALLED AT THE ADDRESS GIVEN BY DEPARTMENT AND DID NOT RESPOND TO REQUEST TO CONTACT MORROW. WHEN MORROW RETURNED NEXT DAY, FRONCZAK HAD LEFT. MORROW WAS ABLE TO TALK TO MR. SCHWARTZ, MR. FRONCZAK'S ATTORNEY.

JUNE 25 - MINISTER COUNSELOR THOMPSON DISCUSSED CASE WITH DR. ALEJANDRO GERTZ, CHIEF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL.

JUNE 30 - PRESENT - EMBASSY HAS TELEPHONED MCGOWAN AND SEMMELROTH FAMILIES TWICE WEEKLY TO REPORT ON STATUS. ARRANGED WITH FRONCZAK TO CALL HIM WHEN ANY NEW INFORMATION TURNED UP.

JUNE 30 - GERALD BARBEE AND ASSOCIATE VISITED EMBASSY, STATING THEY WERE PRIVATE DETECTIVES AND FRIENDS OF MR. FRONCZAK ON VACATION IN MEXICO, AND THAT THEY INTENDED LOOK INTO MRS. FRONCZAK'S DISAPPEARANCE. CCS CHIEF GAVE THEM SUCH INFORMATION AS WAS ALREADY AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC, SUGGESTED THAT THEY BE CAREFUL NOT TO VIOLATE THEIR TOURIST STATUS. THEY INDICATED THAT THEY WERE CONSIDERING HIRING LOCAL DETECTIVE AGENCY. FYI: EMBASSY BELIEVES THEY WERE SOURCE OF INFO CONTAINED IN STATE 172929. EMBASSY RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THEY HAD TOLD MR. FRONCZAK THAT THEY HAD BEEN TOLD BY CCS CHIEF THAT EMBASSY HAD CLOSED
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CASE AND THAT CCS CHIEF HAD ACCUSED MR. FRONCZAK OF "MAKING WAVES". NEITHER THESE ALLEGATIONS IS TRUE.

JULY 16 - AMBASSADOR SENT LETTERS TO MIGUEL ALEMAN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF MEXICO AND PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL TOURIST COMMISSION, AND TO JULIO HIRSCHFELD, SECRETARY OF TOURISM.

JULY 22 - 23 - VICE CONSUL MILLIN ON REGULAR MONTHLY VISIT TO ACAPULCO WILL DISCUSS CASE WITH AUTHORITIES ACAPULCO AND CHILPANCINGO.
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